



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : LAI et al.
Application No. : 09/745,857
Filed : December 26, 2000
Title : PERMANENT MAGNET ROTOR HAVING MAGNET
POSITIONING AND RETAINING MEANS
Group Art Unit : 2834
Examiner : K. Addison
Docket No. : BHT/3111-141

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 19, 2002, the period for response to which has been extended to expire on **January 19, 2003** by the filing herewith of a Petition for a three-month extension of time and payment of the required fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-5, 7, 15-18 and 20, without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein.

Please amend claims 1, 6, 8-14, 19 and 21-26 as follows:

--1. (Amended) A permanent magnet rotor magnet positioning and retaining device comprising:

a sleeve having a hollow tubular structure;

a rotor iron core having a plurality of grooves and located inside said sleeve,

5 wherein said rotor iron core includes a plurality of steel plates stacked together, each steel plate having a plurality of elevations on one side and a plurality of